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**SACRAMENTO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD AND
FALSE CLAIMS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR KATRINA DISASTER MONEY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that NAISHA C. DAVIS, 25, of Sacramento, pled guilty before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to two felony offenses related to claims for disaster assistance arising out of Hurricane Katrina.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

In September 2005, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, designed to deter, investigate, and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, identity theft, procurement fraud, and insurance fraud. The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force-chaired by Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division-includes the FBI, the United States Inspectors General community, the United States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and others.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting this case, on September 13, 2005, NAISHA DAVIS falsely claimed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an agency of the United States, to be a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana during the Hurricane Katrina disaster. In fact, since 2004, DAVIS received cash aid from several California state assistance programs as a California resident and was enrolled as a full time student at a college in Sacramento. NAISHA DAVIS is scheduled to appear for sentencing on July 27, 2007 before Judge Burrell. NAISHA DAVIS faces up to 20 years imprisonment for mail fraud and five years imprisonment for a false claim offense. In addition, she is subject to a \$500,000 fine and a three year term of supervised release.

NAISHA DAVIS' Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance fraud case is related to two other Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance fraud cases. According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is also prosecuting those cases, on April 13, 2007, NAISHA DAVIS' mother, TRUDY M. DAVIS, 43, of Sacramento, pled guilty to two counts of making false claims to FEMA and one count of theft of United States property. TRUDY DAVIS is scheduled to appear for imposition of sentence on June 29, 2007 before Judge Burrell. TRUDY DAVIS faces ten years imprisonment for theft of United States property and five years imprisonment for each

false claim offense. In addition, she is subject to a \$750,000 fine and a three year term of supervised release.

On April 13, 2007, NAISHA DAVIS' child's father, LAWRENCE H. WILLIAMS, 25, of Sacramento, pled guilty to two counts of making false claims to FEMA, two counts of theft of United States property, one count of making a false statement to FEMA for emergency disaster aid, and one count of lying to Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General. WILLIAMS is scheduled for sentencing on June 29, 2007 before Judge Burrell. WILLIAMS faces ten years imprisonment for theft of United states property, five years imprisonment for each false claim offense and five years imprisonment for each false statement offense. In addition, he is subject to a \$1,500,000 fine and a three year term of supervised release.

However, the actual sentences will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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